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### Free Talk

Gifted adj. = talented adj. 有天赋的

Gift n. 礼物 / v. 送礼

Autism 自闭症

Ringtone n. 手机铃声

## Homework Analysis - Writing

### Summary

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To improve your listening skills

To listen well, you should show interest in what the other person is saying. You can do this by looking at them and giving small signs like a nod. Even if the topic is not exciting, try to stay focused and not think about other things. Instead of staying quiet, ask questions to keep the conversation going. If something is unclear, it is fine to ask for clarification. These simple habits can help you become a better listener.

word count: 77

content: 5 language: 4.5

1. nodding

2. eye contact

3. be positive and engaging

#### Exercise 4

12 Read the article about the skill of listening to people.

Write a summary about advice on how to be a good listener.)

Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

#### How to be a good listener

When it comes to communicating with other people, there are two aspects to consider. There is the ability to express yourself, but equally important is the ability to listen to what is being said. We probably all know some people who are really easy to talk to. This is very likely to be because they have good listening skills. You might like to examine the techniques of good listeners as this is one way to improve your own skills.

One technique when you are listening is to use visual signals, like nodding, for example. This helps to show the speaker that you really are listening to what they are saying. After all, no-one likes to think that what they are saying is boring! Even something as simple as looking at the other person when they are speaking can make a big difference. eye contact

Of course, sometimes, the topic of the conversation that you are listening to might not be one that you find particularly interesting. If this is the case, you might need to try and appear to be more positive about the conversation than you actually feel, although that's not always easy to do! However, it is important not to let yourself get distracted by thinking about other things. If you do, the person you are listening to will probably notice this.

When someone is talking to you, you shouldn't simply be silent the whole time. Instead, respond by asking open questions – ones requiring detailed answers – and the conversation will move forward. And if you're concerned that you have misunderstood what someone has said, don't feel bad about asking them to explain. Nobody will mind, especially if they feel that you are listening to them.

As you can see, there are lots of good ways you can improve your listening skills. How good a listener are you?

4. avoid distraction

5. keep asking questions

6. ask for clarification

Possible answer for the summary:

Being a good listener is as important as expressing yourself. Effective listeners use techniques such as nodding and eye contact show engagement. Even if the topic is uninteresting, remain attentive and positive. Avoiding distractions is crucial, as the speaker will notice if attention drifts. Additionally, active participation, such as asking open-ended questions and clarifying doubts, helps keep the conversation flowing. Practicing these skills can significantly improve one's ability to listen and communicate effectively.





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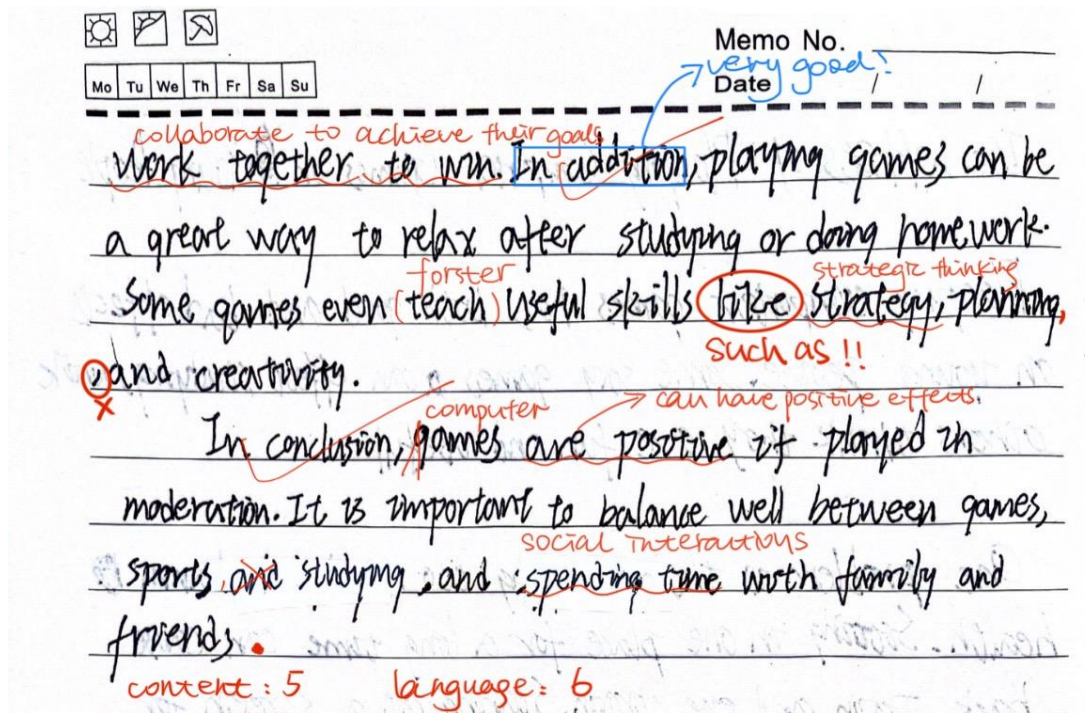
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## The Effects of Playing Computer Games on Young People

Playing computer games has both <sup>positive</sup> good and <sup>negative</sup> bad effects on young people. Some <sup>believe that</sup> say games <sup>can</sup> <sup>affect/improve</sup> <sup>beneficial</sup> <sup>academic performance</sup> <sup>影响学习? 提高!</sup> <sup>\*affect v.</sup> <sup>\*effect N.</sup> others <sup>argue that</sup> think they are fun and useful.

One <sup>major</sup> problem is that playing too much <sup>computer games</sup> can <sup>be harmful to</sup> harm health. <sup>long periods</sup> Sitting in one place for (a long time) can cause back pain and eye strain. Staring at a screen for hours can <sup>also</sup> <sup>very good point!</sup> make eyes tired and lead to <sup>eye fatigue and</sup> headaches. <sup>Additionally</sup> Also when children <sup>spend too much time playing games</sup> play games for too long, they <sup>lack physical exercises</sup> (do not get enough exercise) which can make them <sup>gain</sup> weight and become unhealthy. Some students even <sup>neglect their</sup> skip homework or <sup>stay up</sup> sleep late because <sup>of excessive</sup> <sup>throughout</sup> gaming too much, which affects their grades and energy levels during the day. <sup>检查了吗??</sup>

However, <sup>playing computer</sup> games can <sup>beneficial</sup> also be helpful in many ways. Some games <sup>enhance critical</sup> improve thinking skills by <sup>requiring</sup> making <sup>improve</sup> playing players to solve <sup>hand-eye</sup> problems and make quick decisions. Others help with hands and eyes coordination, which can be useful in real life. Many games also <sup>promote</sup> teach teamwork, as players need to



## Introduction

1 → Playing compare games has both good and bad effects... → ...

both **positive** and **negative** effects.

结尾都用了 positive 呢，开头怎么就用了这么简单的“good”和“bad”呢？

2 → Some say... while others think → Some believe... while others argue that...

之前上课讲过很多表达观点的词呀！！以后必须提醒自己用高级些的

3 → ... they are fun and useful → they are fun and beneficial ...

## Body Paragraph 1

1 → One problem is that playing too much can hard health. → One major problem is that playing computer games too much can be harmful to health.

新的一段话，在没有完整提到“playing computer games”之前，不要写省略

“can harm health” -> very chinglish 了

2 → Staring at a screen for hours can also make eye tired and lead to headache. → Staring at a screen for hours also lead to eye fatigue and headache.

上次课分析了，make 这个万能词在很多情景下能替换成别的单词，以体现作文的词汇丰富性。

3 → Also → Additionally

第三段用了“In addition”很棒啊！！学习一下

4 → When children play games for too long, they do not get enough exercises → When children spend too much time playing games, they lack physical exercises

“长时间做。。。 ” 的表达 -> 因为这篇文章会用到很多，所以最好换一下  
exercise 拼错了！！！（当时改的时候没发现。老师也不能保证改作业一次就把全部错误检查出来，第三次检查的时候才发现了这个拼写错误，所以 Forrest 写作文也一定要检查！）

5 → ... which can make them gain weight and become unhealthy  
→ ... which may result in weight gain and become unhealthy.

“让他们长胖”？虽然 gain weight 是个很好的表达，但是 make 又让句子显得 chinglish 了

6 → some students even skip homework or sleep late because gaming too much... → some students even neglect their homework or stay up late because of / due to excessive gaming.

逃课：skip classes（但不做作业不能这么说）

熬夜：stay up late

because+句子 / because of+词/词组（gaming 是词）



## Body Paragraph 2

1 → However, games can also be helpful → beneficial

2 → Some games can improve thinking skills by making playing players solve problem and make quick decisions. → Some games can enhance critical thinking skills by requiring players to solve problems and make quick decisions.

观点很好，表达非常 Chinglish

“让玩游戏的人” make playing player? ?

同上，make 在很多不同的场景下有不同的表达，比如 require

3 → Others help with hands and eyes coordination → hand-eye coordination...

+“-”可以构成一个新的形容词，这里的“hand-eye”作为形容词修饰“coordination”

例子：故宫是我每次去背景必须要逛的地方。

The Palace Museum is a must-visit place for me when I visit Beijing.

4 → ... work together to win. → collaborate to achieve their goals

5 → Some games even teach useful skills like strategy, planning, and creativity. → Some games even foster useful skills such as strategic thinking, planning, and creativity.

“teach”你也蛮喜欢用的嘛，但是用这个词和你用 make 有点像，任何关于“提升”的都用

“teach” :((

strategy 不是 skill，但是 thinking 是，所以建议改成 strategic thinking

like -> such as

## Conclusion

1 → ... games are positive if ... → computer games are positive if ...

什么 game 呢? ?

2 → ...games, sports, and studying, and spending time with family and friends. → ... games, sports, study, and social interaction with family and friends.

前面 games、sports、study、都是名词，后面最好一致，而不是用动名词

关于“长时间”的表达：

for a long time

for long period

for too long

for an extended period (较长的一段时间)

for prolonged periods (长时间地)

for an excessive amount of time (过长时间)

for hours on end (连续数小时)



## New Writing Task - In-class Practising

### Exercise 6

14 Some people say that teenagers use the internet too much.

Here are some comments from young people:

*I never read newspapers – I get all my information online.*

*Sometimes I waste a lot of time online.*

*I like travelling, and I use the internet to help plan journeys.*

*My eyes get really tired after I've been online a lot.*

**Write an article for your school magazine, giving your views.**

The comments above may give you some ideas, and you can also use some ideas of your own.

**Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.**

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your article, and up to 6 marks for the language used.

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### Introduction:

Nowadays, (+the) Internet is an essential part of our lives. Some people believe that teenagers spend too much time on the internet, while others hold different opinions. While (+the) internet is useful, it ~~also can~~ (→ can also) **cause problems**. (+ From my perspective, internet is useful, but overuse can have drawbacks.)

### Body Paragraph 1:

There are positive ~~sides~~ (→aspects) of (+the) Internet. The internet helps teenagers find information quickly. Instead of reading ~~the~~ (+printed) newspapers, they can read news online. In addition, it helps with school work, (+because) students can research topic and watch educational videos. In addition, the internet is ~~great~~ (→ beneficial) for developing skills and ~~even~~ making new friends.

### Body Paragraph 2:

However, too much internet use can cause issues. Some people waste hours scrolling social media instead of doing important tasks. This can lead to poor time management and lower productivity. Staring at the screen for too long can also cause eye fatigue. In some cases, ~~some~~ people become addicted to the internet and struggle to focus on ~~real-life~~ (→ real-life) activities.

### Conclusion:

In summary, the internet is beneficial in our daily life,  
the internet is helpful/beneficial but we should use it wisely. It is important to ...

先总结之前写的，再结尾。

The internet is useful for learning, researching, and socializing, but

excessive use can lead to distractions and health issues. To enjoy its benefits without harm, we must use it wisely.

## Homework 1 - ARTICLE

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### Exercise 7

It is widely believed that people attach too much importance to buying and wearing fashionable clothes.

Here are some comments from your school friends on this topic:

"I like to be different and stand out in the crowd, so I don't follow fashion."

*"It costs too much money to keep up with fashion."*

"I think if you wear the latest fashions people respect you more."

"Wearing fashionable clothes makes me feel good when I am out with my friends."

**Write an article for your school magazine giving *your* views.**

**Your article should be between 100 and 150 words long.**

The comments above may give you some ideas but you are free to use any ideas of your own.

You will receive up to 5 marks for the content of your article, and up to 5 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

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**Introduction:**

**Body Paragraph 1:**

**Body Paragraph 2:**

**Conclusion:**



## Homework 2 - SUMMARY

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### Exercise 4

- 12 Read the article about a place in Sweden called Hammarby Lake City.

**Write a summary about the ways in which Hammarby Lake City is designed to be environmentally friendly.**

**Your summary should be about 80 words long (and no more than 90 words long). You should use your own words as far as possible.**

You will receive up to 6 marks for the content of your summary, and up to 6 marks for the style and accuracy of your language.

### Hammarby Lake City

*an environmentally friendly place to live*



Hammarby Lake City is a housing development project in Sweden. It is located to the south-east of the capital city, Stockholm. The design of Hammarby includes a range of conservation measures, such as using energy more efficiently compared to the rest of Sweden. For example, Hammarby produces its own heating and electricity for residents to use by burning some of its household rubbish, and there is a very effective system in place to do this.

Another important part of the design is that rainwater is recycled. After it has rained, the water is saved and channelled into specially created small lakes and streams. These features in an urban environment help to make the neighbourhoods more attractive places to live, and they also provide a habitat for wildlife.

Hammarby is the first city for many years where a tram-line has been built to provide the main method of transport for commuters. Trams are far less polluting than trains or buses and certainly cars. Of course, some people in Hammarby still use cars, but they are encouraged to use a car-share system so that the number of private vehicles is reduced. For people trying to be even more eco-friendly, there's a pedestrian and bicycle network, which makes it convenient and safe for residents to get around.

Although Hammarby was planned to provide houses for a large number of people on a fairly small site, there are lots of public green spaces for residents to enjoy. There are also several buildings which have roof gardens, and these help to cool the rooms below in high temperatures.

It is expected that there will eventually be 20 000 residents living in Hammarby in addition to 10 000 workers, and the design for the city has attracted interest from other countries who wish to build similar communities.